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Thanks for the detailed response Miranda. Sorry to hear that the briefing has been rescheduled again, and I'll check with Jim about the decision document – he's been pretty busy this week already, so it may have slipped through the email cracks.

Chris

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From: Hodgkiss, Miranda  
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Hi Chris,

I'll try to answer your questions in order.

1. There are not 73 different waterbodies – Washington Department of Ecology breaks them out by segment and pollutant according to their listing ID. So there are 73 unique listing IDs. As for waterbodies, there is the Deschutes River and a handful of tributaries, each of which may be further segmented out. Each segment may or may not have impairments for one or more pollutant. That becomes difficult to track though, because of the unique listing IDs. If you'd like to explore further, Ecology has a mapping website that shows you the impairments. <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/waterqualityatlas/StartPage.aspx> On there, you can see the Assessment Unit IDs, which should be unique to each water segment. I haven't had the time to pair the AU IDs with the listing IDs to see how it all fits together. I'm attaching the 2015 submittal and will share with you our draft decision document on OneDrive. In the decision document, you will see a table of the waterbody-pollutant pairs.

For the purposes of calculating the number of waterbody-pollutant pairs we are acting on, 73 is still the number. (b) (5)



2. The RA briefing got rescheduled again for May 21st. I am working on developing the briefing paper now, and should have something ready soon. I'll likely circulate it with folks here first, and then can share it with you. The deadline to share it with the RA is May 17th, so that would be the latest we'd get it to you, but I'd like to have something before then.

3. I shared the draft decision document with Jim C. and Jim H. last week. We wanted to give them as much time as possible to review it, so we went ahead and shared it before we had discussed some outstanding issues here at the Region. Due to full calendars, we were not able to get Regional folks in the same room for a discussion until last Friday. So, based on conversations from last Friday and the comments I receive from Jim C. and Jim H., I will be revising the document again. It is in flux right now, but the goal is to have it fairly ironed out before the RA briefing, with the briefing materials to reflect our final decisions.

I sent the document to Jim H. thinking that he would share it out with staff as appropriate. I'll go ahead and share it with you so you can see the table of listings, etc. But I'd recommend checking with him if you haven't already, to see how he plans to handle the review. We've asked for comments by May 8.

Thanks for checking in, and let me know if you have any more questions!

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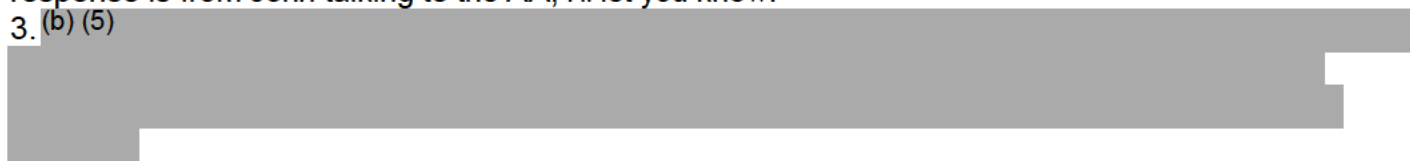
Hi Miranda,

Thanks for your help last week with the background paper. Jim just sent it up to John G for his review, but also asked me to check on a couple of other details in the meantime.

1. I know there has been some uncertainty in the past about how to calculate the number of waterbody-pollutant combinations that you are looking at acting on, and Jim was asking if it was 73 waters with all 5 pollutants, just one pollutant on each, or a mix (I imagine it's a mix). If you have an easy explanation, I'd like to hear how the 73 waters break down, or you can just forward the original 2015 submission from OR to me and I can puzzle it out

2. We're still not sure if the AA for water is going to want to be briefed before the RA is, afterward, or not at all. So, as you develop briefing materials (presentations or briefing papers) for the RA briefing next week, can you shared them with me so we don't recreate the wheel here? As soon as I know what the response is from John talking to the AA, I'll let you know.

3. (b) (5)



Thanks,

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